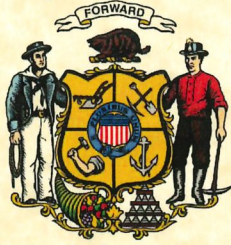


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to every aspect of American society, including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

*WHEREAS*; the resilient family values, strong work ethic, commitment to education, entrepreneurial spirit, and diversity in faith and creed within Arab American communities have added strength to our nation's democracy; and

*WHEREAS*; in Wisconsin, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich cultures and traditions with neighbors and friends, and have served as model citizens, dedicated public servants, and advocates for a peaceful, equitable, and diverse society; and

*WHEREAS*; we acknowledge that the history of Arab Americans in our country is often neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate, and we affirm that these injustices, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying, must be combatted through education and awareness; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in denouncing all forms of hate, embracing our diversity, celebrating the many contributions of Arab American communities across our state and country, and reaffirming our commitment to working towards a Wisconsin that is a safe, diverse, welcoming, and inclusive place for all;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

## ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By \_\_\_\_\_ Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State